



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 27, 2002
To: Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: None

Subject: Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Retiming the Downtown Signals

Recommendation:

Adoption of a Committee Report directing the City Engineer to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposals to solicit consultant services for the retiming of the downtown traffic signals.

Previous Directives:

None

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By: _____

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Presenters in Committee: Gregory A. Finstad, P.E.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Comprehensive Plan Policies

Policy No. 5 – Improve Public Transportation

Policy No. 8 – Strengthen our city through infrastructure investment

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Transportation and Parking Services Division, in conjunction with the construction of Light Rail Transit (LRT), is requesting authorization to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit consultant services for the retiming of the traffic signals in downtown Minneapolis.

The traffic signals in downtown Minneapolis were last retimed 10 years ago. The traffic volume and turning movements that this plan was based upon have been significantly altered by the LRT related construction along Fifth Street. In addition, the LRT traffic consultant is developing a timing plan for the Fifth Street corridor that will optimize the LRT operations through the corridor.

The successful consultant will develop a timing plan based on traffic volumes contained in the 2002 Downtown Traffic Study. In the year following the start of LRT service they will collect additional data and refine the plan to reflect the actual traffic volumes and turning movements on the downtown streets.

A draft RFP has been developed and has been submitted to the Permanent Review Committee for approval this month.

The department is proposing to use Municipal State Aid, County and Trunk Highway funds to pay for the consultant services to develop the timing plans. The Municipal State Aid funds were authorized by the City Council on April 6, 2001. The estimated cost for retiming the signals is \$600,000 and the final consultant contract will not proceed until all funds have been secured.